

In the claims:

Amend the following claims:

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7-18 (Twice Amended) A composite structure comprising a
first substrate [web] having a first surface upon which is
deposited a composite powder, said composite powder having
[mixture of] particulate carbon and particles of a thermoplastic
binder, wherein said particles of a thermoplastic binder
coalesces said particulate carbon, and wherein said particles of
a thermoplastic binder adhere said particulate carbon to [fused
to both of said particulate carbon and] said first surface.

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8-19 (Three Times Amended) The composite structure [web]
of claim 18 comprising, in addition, a second substrate [web]
having a second surface spaced from said first surface and fused
to said thermoplastic binder.

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9-24 (Twice Amended) A composite structure comprising a
first substrate [web] having a first surface upon which is
deposited a composite powder, said composite powder having
[mixture of] particles of a [particulate] polymer liquid
absorbent and particles of a thermoplastic binder, wherein said
particles of a thermoplastic binder coalesces said particles of

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a polymer liquid absorbent, and wherein said particles of a thermoplastic binder adhere said particles of a polymer liquid absorbent to [fused to both of said polymer liquid absorbent and] said first surface.

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10-25. (Amended) The composite structure [web] of claim ⁹~~24~~ comprising, in addition, a second substrate [web] having a second surface spaced from said first surface and fused to said thermoplastic binder.

REMARKS

Claims 16 through 25, and 44 through 48 are pending in this application. Claims 18, 19, 24, and 25 have been amended.

The applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 16, 17, 20 through 23, and 44 through 48.

The Advisory Action dated November 18, 1999 states that the amendments submitted by the applicants on November 4, 1999 were not entered because (1) there is no mention in the specification directed to the mixture of the particulate carbon and the thermoplastic binder being a "composite powder", and (2) the